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**Figure 6C** is a clock diagram for yet another embodiment of the operation of PMPT wire 259. This embodiment illustrates the case where the interface is idle and both agents A and B request the interface. In this case agent A is again the least recently serviced, but agent B has asserted its request (RQB) one clock earlier and hence agent B wins ownership of the interface. In such a scenario, agent B gains the initial access to the interface. Agent B begins to transmit data at clock period 1. As a result, agent A gains ownership of PMPT wire 259 during clock period 2. Initially, the agent A request is a best effort request (e.g., agent A does not assert PMPT wire 259). However, during clock period 4, agent A B asserts PMPT wire 259, indicating an upgrade to a critical request. Agent B completes the transmission of data at clock period 6. As described above, a one clock turnaround occurs between clock periods 6 and 7 before agent A begins to drive data at clock period 7. Agent B is granted ownership of PMPT wire 259 at clock period 8. However, agent B does not request access of the interface. Therefore, agent B de-asserts PMPT wire 259.